

heap can consider a golden opportunity passed up. It is doubtful if ever again there will be such an average of mediocrity as streaks through the league this season.

It isn't reasonable to believe that each team is giving its best efforts. The class should be for better than it is.

Phelan came back to third base, and moved around with a semblance of his former agility. His long lay-off affected his batting eye somewhat, and Artie should be granted a few days in order to work back to his regular speed. The return of Saier is only a matter of a few days, and then something must happen, if it is to happen at all.

Polly McLarry should be a better ball player because of the regular duty he did at first base. The Texan is not a pretty fielder, by any means, and his actions indicate he will require lots of teaching before he becomes of major league caliber as a defensive man, but he undoubtedly has gained confidence while subbing for Saier.

His batting has picked up in an encouraging way. He doesn't fear the pitchers. It is doubtful if he has enough "temperament" to do that. Polly is just a regular fellow who goes about his business to the best of his ability. He gives all he has, whatever it is worth.

This short stretch of duty will make McLarry a more valuable man as a pinch hitter.

The Braves aren't any too strong on this trip and a fine opportunity is offered the Cubs to crawl away from the world's champions, whom they now lead by a single point. Boston came here chesty over a clean-up in Pittsburgh. A three-game setback would take some steam out of the Braves.

Vaughn had to be rescued by Humphries. The batting of Fisher, Schulte, Williams, McLarry and Murray counted the Cub runs.

A good start has been made by the

Whales on their eastern invasion. Brooklyn, a hard team to beat right now, was defeated, and McConnell went through the entire game easily. The last-named circumstance was pleasant to Tinker, for he needs every pitcher to handle his own assignment, with a staff consisting of but four men.

There was a plethora of batting on the part of the Whales, which in most games would have resulted in more runs. It is likely that a mess of tallies will be needed by Joe's people for some of the later games, when the pitchers begin to tire under the strain and hitting will come in handy.

In this angle of the game Westertil should be valuable. The new third baseman is not a wonderful fielder, but he carries a heavy punch, which more than makes up for his failings on defense. He is a consistent .300 hitter in the Federal league.

Kansas City heads the Whales by two games and a half. That is not much of a margin, when the good road work of the Whales on former occasions is considered.

Manager Rowland has at last decided to displace John Collins in the White Sox outfield, Nemo Liebold going to work in the left garden this afternoon in Washington. The switch was scheduled for inauguration yesterday, but rain prevented a game.

Collins is not alone in his batting slump, but John's has extended over a longer period than that of any of the other athletes. Also, Rowland is better fixed for gardening material than infielders and can afford shifts among the outposts with more chance of finding a winning combination.

The goob pitching the Sox boxmen have been turning out against the eastern teams has been wasted because of the failure of their mates to connect. And they have been further handicapped by porous work on defense, when they were working their hearts out to keep the opposition away from the plate.